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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Policy Coordination.

THRU : Executive for I & S.

1. I have just reviewed the tentative basic plan for the protection of industrial establishments in foreign areas, as prepared by I and S under date of 17 September 1948. It is believed that an understanding of our long range problem in this regard should be established prior to further preparation of plans. The following major points will, I believe, help to establish our policy:

a. Our function is planning and not implementation. We must not get into the police business nor utilize intelligence funds for the protection of private industry.

b. Personnel sent to an area for the survey of industrial establishments in that area should be sent on temporary duty for that purpose only. On completion of their survey, they should return to Washington and prepare the final plan for the specific establishment concerned.

c. Intelligence collection in the area concerned remains the function of the personnel assigned to an area by the various agencies and services for that purpose. The coordination of this intelligence collection effort remains the function of the senior diplomatic representative present—except in areas under U. S. military control.

2. These are basic points with which I am sure you will agree. However, if you do have different reactions, we should discuss them before the plan is pursued further.

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Acting Director of Central Intelligence

cc: Director's file
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